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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLISH VISA BY ROBERT SHAPIRO

1. ROBERT MOSES SHAPIRO, A NATURALIZED AMERICAN, WAS BORN IN MUNICH OF POLISH PARENTS. HE VISITED POLAND ONCE, IN JULY 1975 WITH A TRAVEL GROUP OF AMERICAN COLLEGE STUDENTS. HE NOW WANTS TO VISIT WARSAW AND LODZ TO RESEARCH A DOCTORAL DISSERTATION AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ON THE SUBJECT OF JEWISH COMMUNITY IN LODZ, 1915-39. HE HAS A GRANT FOR THIS FROM THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION.

2. SHAPIRO APPLIED FOR A VISA MAY 26 IN WASHINGTON FOR A STAY OF 45 DAYS BEGINNING JULY 1 TO CONDUCT SCHOLARLY RESEARCH. HE HAS NO REPLY, ALTHOUGH HIS OWN TRAVEL DEADLINE HAS PASSED. HE HAD INTENDED TO DEPART JUNE 10 FOR ISRAEL AND FROM THERE TO POLAND. THE POLISH CONSULAR  
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SECTION HERE HAS TOLD HIM HE COULD GET THE VISA IN PARIS, IF IT IS APPROVED, AND HAS SUGGESTED HE ARRANGE TO STOP THERE ON HIS WAY FROM TEL AVIV TO WARSAW. HE PREFERRED, HOWEVER, TO DELAY HIS DEPARTURE A WEEK IN HOPES AUTHORIZATION FROM WARSAW WILL ARRIVE HERE BY THEN.

3. BESIDES THE VISA, SHAPIRO KNOWS THAT HE NEEDS SPECIFIC

APPROVAL FOR ACCESS TO STATE ARCHIVES IN WARSAW AND LODZ,

WHICH HE HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED. WE PRESUME THE POLES WOULD NOT ISSUE THE VISA UNLESS THEY ARE PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE SUCH ACCESS, BUT WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN. BOTH THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION AND COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY HAVE CONTACTED THE POLISH EMBASSY IN SUPPORT OF SHAPIRO'S APPLICATION. WE HAVE ASKED COUNSELOR MIKOLAJEWSKI TO RECOMMEND EXPEDITIOUS AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION. WE INFORMED HIM EMBASSY WARSAW WOULD CONTACT THE MFA AND ALSO DISCUSSED WITH HIM WAYS SHAPIRO COULD PICK UP THE VISA IN WESTERN EUROPE. MIKOLAJEWSKI PREFERRED HAVING THE AUTHORIZATION SENT TO VIENNA. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF SHAPIRO'S DECISION TO WAIT ANOTHER WEEK HERE AND AGREED TO INFORM US IF WORD ARRIVES HERE DURING THAT TIME.

4. SHAPIRO WILL GO ON TO TEL AVIV IF HE DOES NOT GET A REPLY BY JUNE 17. WE HAVE OFFERED TO SEND HIM WORD THROUGH EMBASSY TEL AVIV.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE QUERY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ABOUT THE STATUS OF SHAPIRO'S VISA REQUEST. IF YOU FEEL IT ADVISABLE, WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR ASCERTAINING THE STATUS OF SHAPIRO'S REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO THE ARCHIVES. VANCE

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